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Attorney Docket No.	PH-7103
First Inventor or Application Identifier	Alan P. Carpenter Jr. et al.
Title	GAS MICROSPHERE LIPOSOME COMPOSITES FOR ULTRASOUND IMAGING AND ULTRASOUND STIMULATED DRUG RELEASE
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s) [Total 72]
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
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101		710	201	355		Utility filing fee	710 00
106		320	206	160		Design filing fee	
107		490	207	245		Plant filing fee	
108		710	208	355		Reissue filing fee	
114		150	214	75		Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)							(\$ 710.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	72	**	=	Extra Claims	52	X	Fee from below	18	=	Fee Paid	936
Independent Claims		-3**	=		0	X			=		0
Multiple Dependent						X			=		936

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103		18	203	9		Claims in excess of 20
102		80	202	40		Independent claims in excess of 3
104		270	204	135		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109		80	209	40		** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110		18	210	9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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127	50	227	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130			Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55			Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195			Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445			Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155			Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135			Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220			Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300			Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	50			Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 (RCE)	710	279	355			Request for Continued Examination	
169	900	169	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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For: GAS MICROSPHERE LIPOSOME COMPOSITES FOR ULTRASOUND IMAGING
AND ULTRASOUND STIMULATED DRUG RELEASE

Wilmington, Delaware

Dated: August 21, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the above-mentioned U.S. non-provisional application filed August 16, 2001. Any payment related to this preliminary amendment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 04-1928.

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 2, paragraph 3, line 16, please substitute this paragraph with the following paragraph:

Liquid and solid contrast agents containing entrapped gas are well known in the art. See, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 4,235,871; U.S. Patent No. 4,265,251; U.S. Patent No. 4,442,843; U.S. Patent No. 4,533,254; U.S. Patent No. 4,572,203; U.S. Patent No. 4,657,756; U.S. Patent No. 4,681,119; U.S. Patent No. 5,088,499; U.S. Patent No. 5,147,631; U.S. Patent No. 5,228,446; U.S. Patent No. 5,271,928; U.S. Patent No. 5,380,519; U.S. Patent No. 5,413,774; U.S. Patent No. 5,527,521; U.S. Patent No.

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5,531,980; U.S. Patent No. 5,547,656; U.S. Patent No. 5,558,094; U.S. Patent No. 5,573,751; U.S. Patent No. 5,585,112; U.S. Patent No. 5,620,689; U.S. Patent No. 5,715,824; U.S. Patent No. 5,769,080; EP 0 122 624; EP 0 727 225; WO 96/40285; and WO 99/65467. The microbubbles provided by these contrast agents act as sound wave reflectors due to the acoustic differences between the gas microbubble and surrounding liquid.

Amendments to the Claims:

46. (Amended) A method of ultrasound imaging in a patient in need of such ultrasound imaging comprising:

administering to the patient an effective amount of a formulation of claim 1;

allowing a sufficient period of time for the circulation of the gas microsphere composite to reach the targeted area; and

performing ultrasound imaging on the patient.

51. (Amended) A method of treating heart disease, inflammation, infection, cancer or thromboembolic disease in a patient in need of such treatment comprising:

administering to the patient an effective amount of a formulation of claim 1, wherein one or more of the liquid-filled liposomes independently comprises a therapeutic agent;

allowing a sufficient period of time for the circulation of the gas microsphere composite to the targeted area; and

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applying ultrasound energy to the region of pathology in the patient sufficient to cause the therapeutic agent to be released from the microsphere liposome composite at the region of pathology.

55. (Amended) A method for preparing a formulation of claim 1 comprising:

contacting a suspension of liposomes in a aqueous solution comprising at least one lipid or one surfactant; and

mixing the suspension with a gas that has a solubility of less than about 1.0% (v/v) in water at 25°C and 1 atm sufficient to provide the formulation.

59. (Amended) A method for preparing a formulation of claim 1 comprising:

contacting a suspension of liposomes in a aqueous solution comprising at least one therapeutic agent and at least one surfactant; and

mixing the aqueous liposome suspension with a gas that has a solubility of less than about 1.0% (v/v) in water at 25°C and 1 atm sufficient to provide the formulation.

63. (Amended) A kit for the preparation of a formulation of claim 1 comprising:

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a container comprising an aqueous solution wherein the aqueous solution comprises at least one surfactant and liquid-filled liposomes; and

a means for introducing a gas that has a solubility of less than about 1.0% (v/v) in water at 25°C and 1 atm into the aqueous solution.

Remarks

This is a preliminary amendment to the above-mentioned U.S. non-provisional application filed August 16, 2001.

Claims 1-71 are pending.

The marked-up version of the specification is found in Appendix I, attached to this preliminary amendment, and titled "Marked-Up Version of Page 2, Paragraph 3, Line 16". The amendment is shown by text stricken through to indicate deletions and underlined text to indicate insertions.

The marked-up version of amended claims is found in Appendix II, attached to this preliminary amendment, and titled "Marked-Up Version of Rewritten Claims". The amendments are shown by text stricken through to indicate deletions and underlined text to indicate insertions.

The specification is amended at page 2, paragraph 3, line 16, to correct an obvious typographical error. Basis for the amendment is found throughout the specification, for example, on page 3, line 10. Accordingly, no new matter is added.

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Claims 46, 51, 55, 59, and 63 are amended to cancel the multiple dependency of the claims. Support for the amendment is found throughout the application. Accordingly, no new matter is added. Applicants retain the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter during prosecution of the present application or in any continuation or divisional application.

Summary

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A favorable action passing this case to issue is therefore respectfully requested. If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of this application, Applicants' agent invites the Examiner to contact him at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: August 21, 2001

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Appendix IMarked-Up Version of Page 2, Paragraph 3, Line 16

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Appendix IIMarked-Up Version of Rewritten Claims

46. (Amended) A method of ultrasound imaging in a patient in need of such ultrasound imaging comprising:

administering to the patient an effective amount of a formulation of ~~any one of claims 1-45~~;

allowing a sufficient period of time for the circulation of the gas microsphere composite to reach the targeted area; and

performing ultrasound imaging on the patient.

51. (Amended) A method of treating heart disease, inflammation, infection, cancer or thromboembolic disease in a patient in need of such treatment comprising:

administering to the patient an effective amount of a formulation of ~~any one of claims 1-45~~, wherein one or more of the liquid-filled liposomes independently comprises a therapeutic agent;

allowing a sufficient period of time for the circulation of the gas microsphere composite to the targeted area; and

applying ultrasound energy to the region of pathology in the patient sufficient to cause the therapeutic agent to be released from the microsphere liposome composite at the region of pathology.

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55. (Amended) A method for preparing a formulation of ~~any one of~~ claims 1-45 comprising:

contacting a suspension of liposomes in a aqueous solution comprising at least one lipid or one surfactant; and

mixing the suspension with a gas that has a solubility of less than about 1.0% (v/v) in water at 25°C and 1 atm sufficient to provide the formulation.

59. (Amended) A method for preparing a formulation of ~~any one of~~ claims 1-45 comprising:

contacting a suspension of liposomes in a aqueous solution comprising at least one therapeutic agent and at least one surfactant; and

mixing the aqueous liposome suspension with a gas that has a solubility of less than about 1.0% (v/v) in water at 25°C and 1 atm sufficient to provide the formulation.

63. (Amended) A kit for the preparation of a formulation ~~of any one of~~ claims 1-45 comprising:

a container comprising an aqueous solution wherein the aqueous solution comprises at least one surfactant and liquid-filled liposomes; and

a means for introducing a gas that has a solubility of less than about 1.0% (v/v) in water at 25°C and 1 atm into the aqueous solution.